

'Isha Prayer

First Rakat:

Recite al-Fatihah out loud

Recite any surah from the Qu'ran out loud for the second surah

While bowing you may say, quietly: "Subâḥāna rabbiya-l- 'Adḥīm" (Glory to my Lord, the Tremendous) 3 times

While moving to stand you may say, aloud: "Sami 'a-llāhu li-man ḥamidah" (Allah hears those who praise Him)

Once standing you may say, aloud: "Rabbanā wa laka-l-ḥamd wa-sh-shukr" (Our Lord & Sustainer, all praise and thanks are due to You)

While in prostration you may say, quietly: "Subâḥāna rabbiya-l- 'A 'lā" (Glory to my Lord the Most High) 3 times

While sitting you may say, quietly: "Rabbi-gh-firlī wa-r-ḥamni" (My Lord, forgive me and have mercy on me)

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When sitting up again, recite “at-Tashahhud” quietly:

At-taḥiyyātu li-llāhi wa-ṣ-ṣalāwātu wa-ṭ-ṭayyibāt!
(Greetings, blessing & the best of prayers to Allah!)

As-salāmu ‘alayka ayyuha-n-nabiyyu wa raḥmatu-llāhi wa barakātu.
(Peace be upon you O Prophet, & the Mercy of Allah and His blessings.)

As-salāmu ‘alaynā wa ‘alā ‘ibādi-llāhi-ṣ-ṣāliḥīn.
(Peace be upon us, & upon Allah’s righteous slaves.)

‘Ashḥ-hadu ‘al-lāā ‘ilāha ‘illa-llāh wa ‘ashḥ-hadu ‘anna muḥammadan ‘abduhū wa rasūluh.

(I bear witness that there is no god except Allah & that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.)

‘Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā sayyidinā Muḥammadiñ
(O Allah send prayers upon our Master Muhammad)

Third Rakat:

Recite al-Fatihah quietly

While bowing you may say, quietly: “Subâḥāna rabbiya-l-‘Aḏḥīm” (Glory to my Lord, the Tremendous) 3 times

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Fourth Rakat:

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Once standing you may say, aloud: “Rabbanā wa laka-l-ḥamd wa-sh-shukr”
(Our Lord & Sustainer, all praise and thanks are due to You)

While in prostration you may say, quietly: “Subāḥāna rabbiya-l-’A’lā” (Glory to my Lord the Most High) 3 times

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(I bear witness that there is no god except Allah & that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.)

Then recite “Salutl-Ibrahimia” quietly:

’Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā sayyidinā Muḥammadiñ wa ‘alā ’āāli sayyidinā
Muḥammad

(O Allah send prayers upon our Master Muhammad, & upon the family of our Master Muhammad,)

kamā ṣallayta ‘alā sayyidinā ‘Ibrāhīma wa ‘alā ‘āāli sayyidinā ‘Ibrāhīm, fi-l-
‘ālamīna ‘innaka ḥamīdum-majīdā!

(as you sent prayers upon our Master Abraham & upon the family of our Master
Abraham, for truly You are the Most Praiseworthy & the Most Glorious in all
the worlds!)

‘Allāhumma bārik ‘alā sayyidinā Muḥammadiñw-wa ‘alā ‘āāli sayyidinā
Muḥammad

(O Allah send blessings upon our Master Muhammad, & upon the family of our
Master Muhammad,)

kamā bārakta ‘alā sayyidinā ‘Ibrāhīma wa ‘alā ‘āāli sayyidinā ‘Ibrāhīm, fi-l-
‘ālamīna ‘innaka ḥamīdum-majīdā!

(as you sent blessings upon our Master Abraham & upon the family of our
Master Abraham, for truly You are the Most Praised & the Most Noble in all
the worlds!)

(You can make personal prayers here before ending the prayer)

As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa raḥmatullāh.

(Peace be upon you and the Mercy of Allah.)

*In the name of Allah, the Merciful and Compassionate,

Please note that these videos are intended to be a brief introduction to the beginning student to help them get started in the basics of the prayer (salat). They are in no way meant to be a comprehensive guide, rather simply a starting place. As you begin your journey to establish the salat, you will surely learn more than what is presented here. We are not scholars and do not claim to be an authority on the information presented. Rather we are sharing what we know in an effort to help you get started. We have drawn upon years of practical experience, as well as conversations with and observation of our guide, Shaykh Sidi Muhammad Sa‘id al-Jamal ar-Rifa‘i ash-Shadhuli. In addition, we have consulted the following references: “Reliance of the Traveller: A Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law” (based on the Shafi‘i school), “An Introduction to the Practices of the Shadhuli Way,” from the Shadhiliyya Sufi Communities Promise Packet, “Getting

Started – Finding Your Way Along the Path: A Beginner’s Guide to Shadhuliyyah Sufism,” as well as review of numerous hadith (traditions containing the sayings of Prophet Muhammad peace and blessings upon him). If you have already been practicing, you may do things differently than what we show. Please know that we are not trying to say that this is the only correct way, as Islam is a wide path and there are many acceptable ways to practice. So, if you see something different than what you do, please view it as an invitation to begin to ask questions and learn more. If you do have further questions about the material presented, please consult your University of Sufism or Institute of Spiritual Healing teacher, or your Shaykh or local Imam. Any errors in the information presented are purely our own, and we ask for Allah’s forgiveness for them, as well as for your patience and kindness with us. May Allah send blessings and peace upon Prophet Muhammad and all the prophets, may Allah make establishing the salat easy for us all, may Allah accept it from us all, and may Allah cause us all to be a source of goodness and help for each other as we walk the path, Ameen. With peace, Ahmed & Mahabbah